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USINFO FOR IPS/PL, IBS/PL; IOP, ILA
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SANTO DOMINGO AND CARACAS FOR GARUFI AND VALDEZ WITH
AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE OF MR. ABELARDO VALDEZ, ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA, USAID, IN GEORGETOWN,
GUYANA, AUGUST 11, 1977

1. ABELARDO L. VALDEZ, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR LATIN
AMERICAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHO
ACCOMPANIED U.S.U.N. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG TO GUYANA,
LEFT YESTERDAY(AUGUST 11) SAYING THE AIM OF HIS VISIT WAS
TO FIND WAYS "IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAN RESPOND IN A MORE
EFFECTIVE WAY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF
GUYANA AS WELL AS THE COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN."

MR. VALDEZ WHO HELD A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE AT
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TIMEHRI AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR TRINIDAD HAD EARLIER
IN THE DAY VISITED SEVERAL PROJECTS FINANCED BY USAID.
HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT
STEVE NARINE, AND ACTING USAID DIRECTOR IN GUYANA,
PETER KOLAR.

AMONG THE PROJECTS VISITED BY MR. VALDEZ WERE:
(A) THE TIMEHRI-LINDEN HIGHWAY.

(B) THE MAJOR CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK RESEARCH AND BREEDING CENTER AT EBINI, BERBICE RIVER.

(C) BLACK BUSH POLDER, CORENTYNE, BERBICE-WHERE ONE OF SIX MAIN RICE STORAGE FACILITIES IS FINANCED BY USAID.

(D) ROSE HALL - TO INSPECT THE CANJE RIVER SWING BRIDGE, A USAID FINANCED PROJECT.

(E) MAHAICONY-ABARY RICE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME-ONE OF SIX MAJOR RICE STORAGE FACILITIES FINANCED BY USAID AT A COST OF OVER US \$12 MILLION.

2. MR. VALDEZ SAID HE HELD MEETINGS WITH SEVERAL MINISTERS OF THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS FUTURE USAID PROJECTS FOR GUYANA. HE SAID: "I HAVE ASKED THAT THE RURAL FEEDER ROADS LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF US \$6 MILLION BE ACCELERATED TO SEE IF WE CAN APPROVE A LOAN FOR MORE AUTHORIZATION BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR; IN OTHER WORDS BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1977. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING A LOAN FOR SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF US \$5 MILLION AND A GRANT OF US \$500,000 TO GO WITH THAT LOAN. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING A RURAL HEALTH LOAN AND THERE WILL BE A GRANT OF SOME US \$450,000 AIMED AT TRAINING AT LEAST 240 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR THE INTERIOR REGIONS OF GUYANA.

"WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING A GRANT FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT," MR. VALDEZ ADDED, AND POINTED OUT THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION
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OF RICE STORAGE FACILITIES WHICH WERE DESTROYED DURING A FIRE ON AUGUST 9.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, MR. VALDEZ ADDED: "WE'RE LOOKING SYMPATHETICALLY TO ADDITIONAL LOANS IN THE FUTURE" AFTER REFERRING TO A PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT ONLY "MODEST" LOANS WERE GRANTED TO GUYANA DURING THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977, A TOTAL OF US \$1.1 MILLION WAS ALLOTTED TO GUYANA, COMPARED TO OVER U.S. \$12 MILLION UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978.

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